AGENDA

STAFF REPORT 6-26-2019 MEETING APPLICATION NUMBER 19-6292

ADDRESS: 616 PALLISTER

HISTORIC DISTRICT: NEW CENTER AREA APPLICANT: MIDTOWN DETROIT INC. DATE OF STAFF VISIT: 06-21-2019

PROPOSAL

Pasllister Park is located immediately south of Delaware Street, between Bethune Court and Second Avenue. The park has two segments, separated by the brick pedestrian pathway extending from Pallister Street. The park is bordered by a black, metal fence with brick piers. Trees line the perimeter of both park areas while the interior is grass open space. Sanborn maps indicate that the northern part of this vacant space was previously used as a parking lot, however staff was unable to locate the sanborn map for the lower part of the property.

PREPARED BY: B. CAGNEY

Midtown Detroit Inc. states in their application that in January, 2017, a survey was sent to residents in the New Center area to identify how Pallister Park was being used and what future uses and recommendations they would like to see. In the spring of 2017, a public meeting was held to share results and receive feedback on the most popular recommendations, which included the installation of play equipment structures. Further, residents indicated that the playground equipment selected should have a "natural" design.

The proposal seeks activate the southern portion of the park. The proposed project consists of constructing three circular areas within the lawn that will be surrounded by a 2" concrete curb. These elements will be consolidated into the southeast corner of the park for a total of approximately 2,970 sf. In each of these areas, one piece of play equipment will be installed: A "tire swing," a "tree house" and a "log scramble." The surfacing in these areas will be infilled with engineered wood fiber. The current proposal also offers to install such amenities as bollards with pet waste stations, trash receptacles (surrounded by wood, no specifications attached with application proposal) and landscaping that includes ornamental grasses, low plants and boulders around the perimeter of the circles (no specifications attached with application proposal). Three maple trees are also proposed to be planted outside the circle. The application also states that temporary fencing will be erected around the area during construction and any disturbed lawn will be restored to match existing.

The applicant seeks the Commission's for the following scope items:

- Construct a play area on the southeast corner of the south portion of Pallister Park
- Install Three circular areas for play equipment
 - o 2" concrete curbing surrounding each play area infilled with engineered wood fiber
 - o (1) "Tyre Swing" Circle 32'-6" dia.
 - o (1) "Tree House" Circle 27'-0" dia.
 - o (1) "Log Scramble" Circle 30'-8" dia.
- Install one trash receptacle / dog waste station
 - o Surrounded by wood
- Install new landscaping, including:
 - o Grasses, ornamental plants

- o Boulders to define edging
- o (3) Maple Trees
- Temporary construction fencing
 - o Any disturbed lawn will be replaced

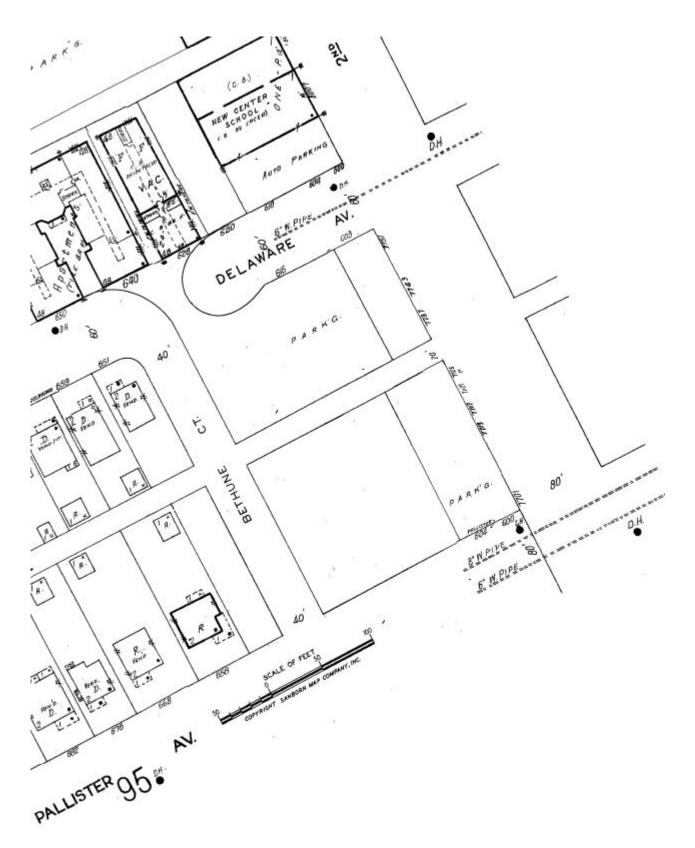
ELEMENTS OF DESIGN

- (13)Relationship of significant landscape features and surface treatments. The typical treatment of individual properties is a flat or slightly graded front lawn area in grass turf subdivided by a concrete or brick walk leading to the front entrance; a side walk sometimes leads to the rear. On sufficiently graded lots, steps lead up the earthwork terraces to the front steps. Some straight side driveways, primarily in concrete but a few in brick, leading from the street to the rear garages exist on Virginia Park, Bethune, and Lothrop. Where front lawns are uninterrupted by driveways, a unity to the succession of front lawns is achieved. Foundation plantings of an evergreen and deciduous character are present on individual lawns. Hedges between properties along the side lot lines are common; properties on corner lots frequently have hedges along the north south street. Trees are evenly spaced on the tree lawn; on Pallister where the tree lawn has been widened, trees are planted close to the public side walk and upright lighting standards are evenly spaced near the brick paving of the street. Public sidewalks throughout the district are concrete; brownstone and some bluestone curbs remain on Delaware between Woodward and Second, Virginia Park and Seward. Virginia Park is paved in brick; traffic off Woodward enters and exits through a horseshoe with wrought iron gates and brick piers with stone cresting and foundations. A grassy turf, hedges, and young trees are planted inside the court created by the horseshoe. Newer gates at the entrances of other blocks are of the same materials. Side and rear yard wooden fences, either painted brown or left in a natural state, exist throughout New Center Commons. Side yard fences generally do not extend beyond the face line of the front porch, except where they fence in side lots or comer properties. Fencing in public view through the district, the fluted designed to compliment the style, design, material, and date of the residence. Pallister between Second and Third Streets is a pedestrian street; it is paved in brick with concrete around its perimeter. Street furniture and upright iron light standards are placed at regular intervals. Ornamental poles (O.P.type, Detroit Public Lighting) are located on Delaware between Woodward and Second, Virginia Park and Seward. On Second Boulevard and Third Avenue, where they run throughout the district, are fluted steel lighting standards with crane-neck pendants (Union Manufacturing Company No. 4700). Alleys are paved in either asphalt or concrete, the exception being the alley north of Delaware east of Second, which is brick. Parking areas off the alleys next to the alley-facing garages in New Center Commons are also either asphalt or concrete. Alleys are entered and exited on Bethune Court; they do not have outlets on Third Avenue. Bethune Court, Bethune Street, and the alleys have tall, modern light standards. Ornamental light posts on Pallister Commons are Union Metal Manufacturing No. SP874-Yl.
- (14) Relationship of open space to structures. Vacant land in the New Center Historic District is located immediately west of Bethune Court, where it provides a small buffer from the street at the corners of Bethune Court and Pallister. Open space on Pallister is provided by the brick-paved pedestrian mall and widened tree lawns. There is also ample vacant land adjacent to the Virginia Park gates at the corners of Woodward and Virginia Park. Where buildings have been demolished, vacant land exists, usually in the form of parking lots. This condition prevails primarily in the block of Virginia Park between the Lodge Service Drive and Third Avenue, and on Lothrop. Backyards as well as front yards exist on all single- and double family residential properties; backyards to houses on Bethune, Pallister and Delaware tend to be relatively small due to the placement of one and one-half (1%) or two and one-half (2%) car garages and adjoining paved parking area off the alley.
- (22) General environmental character. The character of the New Center Historic District is that of late nineteenth century and early twentieth century residences on straight east-west streets. A cohesiveness is attained by entrance gates, uniform setbacks, spacing on lots, buried utilities, and, on Pallister, spacious tree lawns, street furniture, and brick paving. Overall, the district has an urban, low to moderate density, revitalized residential character with small-scale commercial usage on its southern periphery and on Second from Virginia Park to Delaware. (Ord. No. 530-H, § 1 (28A-141), 11-17-82)

RECOMMENDATION

It is staff's recommendation that the Commission issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed work based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation Number 10) *New additions and adjacent or related*

new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.	



Pallister Park Sanborn Map, northern portion. HDC was unable to locate the Sanborn Map for the area south of Pallister Ave.



Pallister Park, existing character - applicant photo



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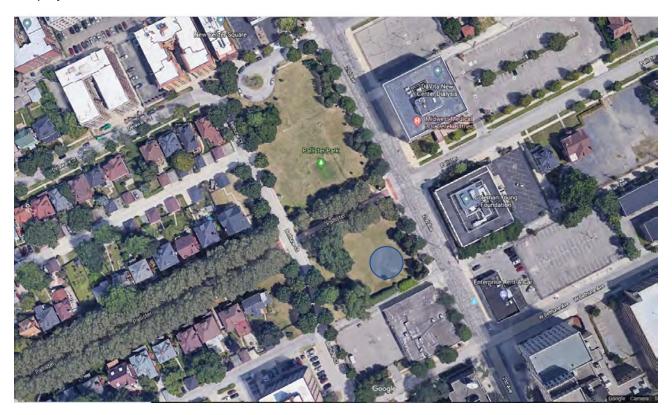
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MDI has been working with the local neighborhood groups since early 2017 to design a playscape for the New Center community. In January 2017 a resident survey was mailed to the New Center district to identify how Pallister Park was currently being used within the community and what future uses and recommendations residents envisioned to enhance the Park. A public meeting was held in Spring 2017 to share the results and receive additional feedback on one of the top recommendations — a playscape. At this meeting a local designer hosted an engaging session with the residents on the type, style, equipment and so forth the community would like to see as part of a playscape. The neighborhood specifically requested a "natural" design for the playscape and trash receptacles. A concept was developed and through the support of the neighborhood association CANCAN, subsequent updates provided through the remainder of the year and through 2018 at neighborhood association meetings to share the status of the playscape. The neighborhood has reviewed and approved the proposed design. The project must be started in mid-June in order to preserve the price to construct the park improvements.

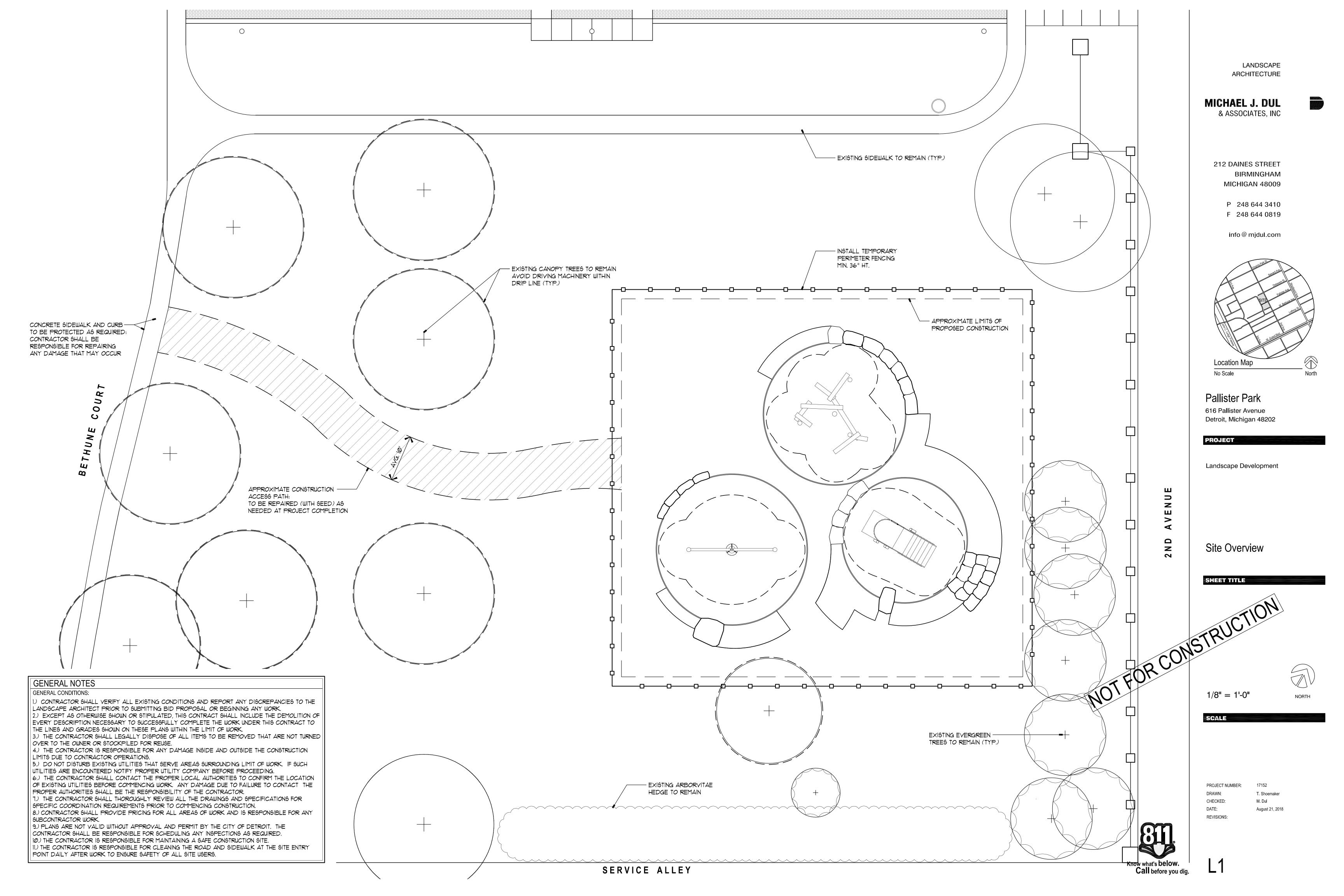
The proposal is for the south half of Pallister Park which is currently a grassy area with trees around the perimeter and a brick sidewalk through the middle. No existing trees or walkways will be altered by this project. The blue circle indicates the project location.

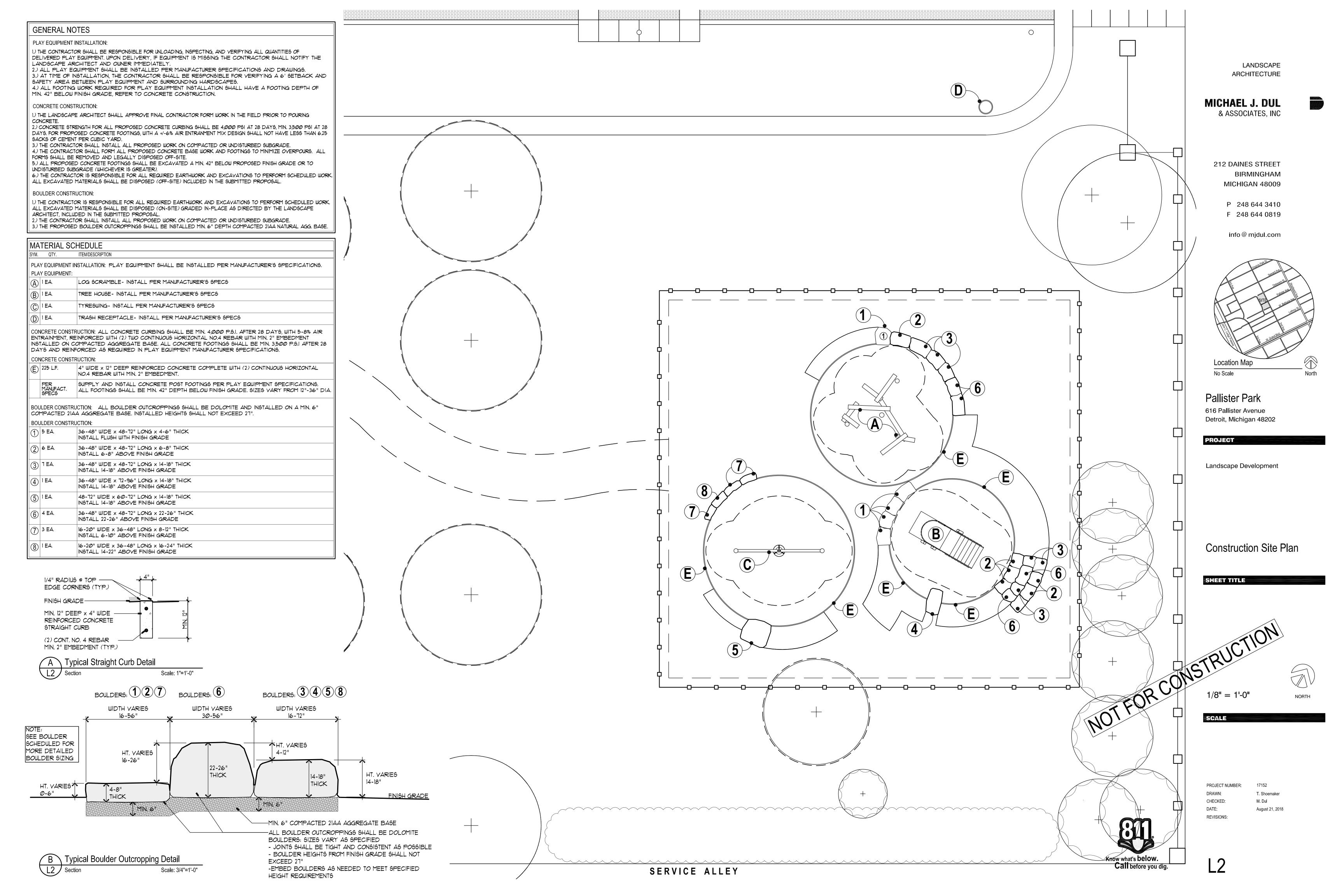


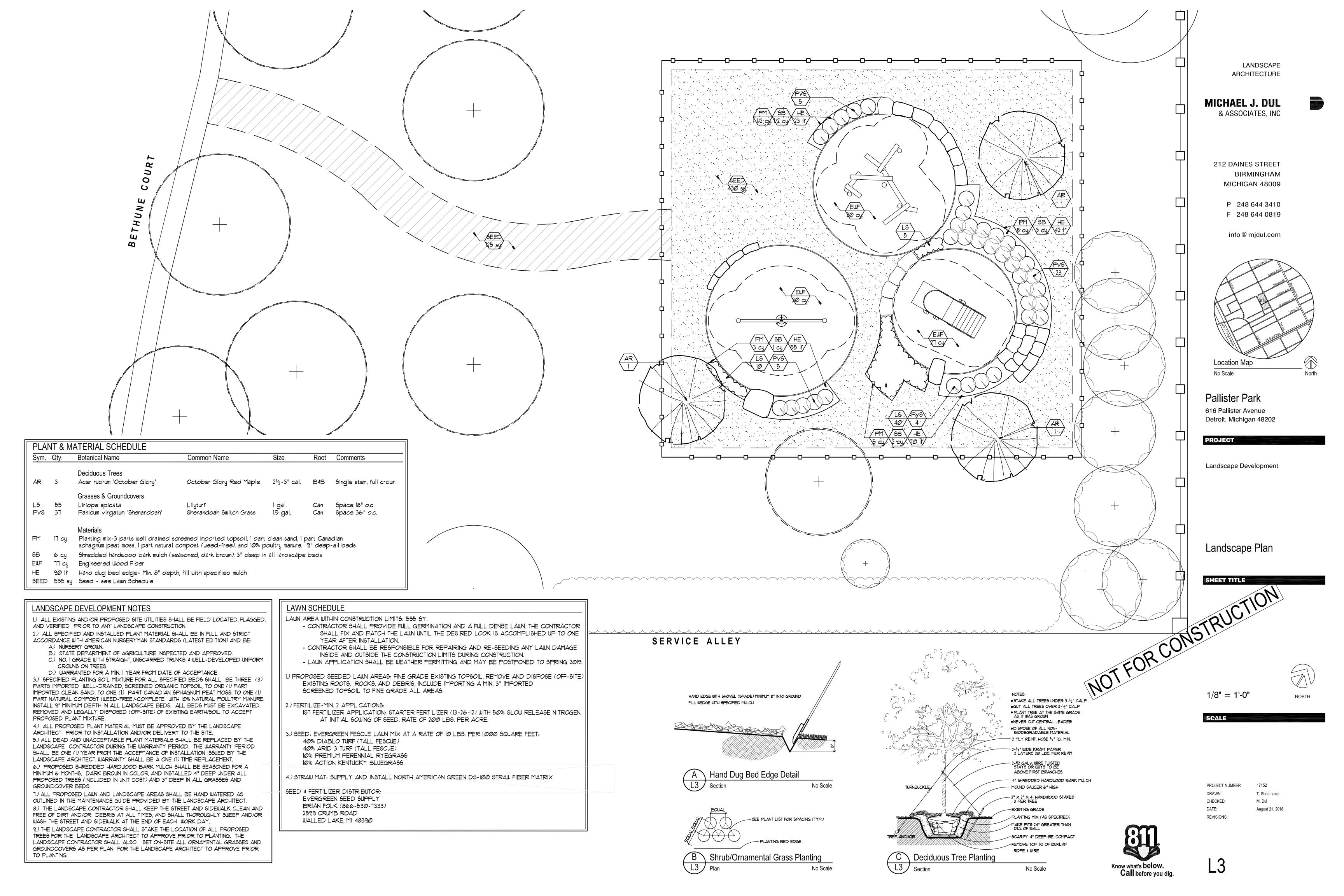


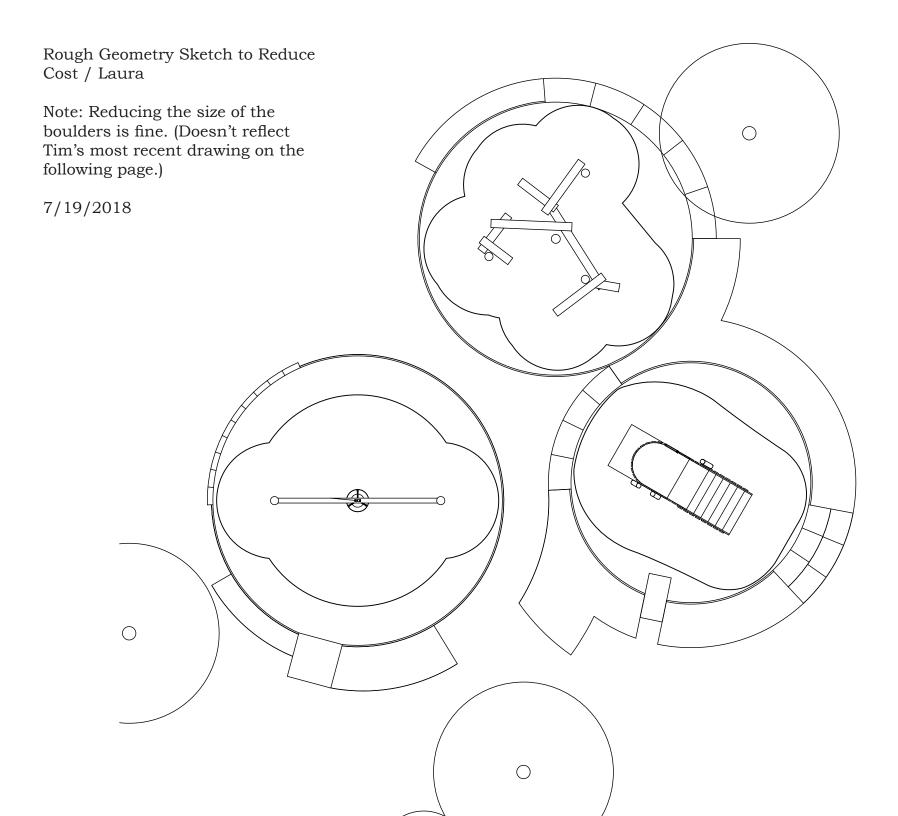
The proposed project consists of constructing three circle areas within the lawn that will be surrounded by a 2-inch tall concrete curb. All of the circles will be near each other and two will touch each other. One circle will be 1,020 square feet, and the two adjoining circles will be 1,950 square feet. The ground within the circles will be infilled with engineered wood fiber. Once piece of custom designed playground equipment will be installed within each circle – a tire swing, a tree house, and a log scramble. Combination trash receptacles and pet waste disposal will be surrounded by wood. Grasses, low plants, and boulders are proposed around the edges of the circles. Three maple trees are proposed to be planted outside of the circles.

No new fencing is proposed during this project except temporary fencing around the area during construction. Any lawn disturbed during construction will be repaired to match the existing.



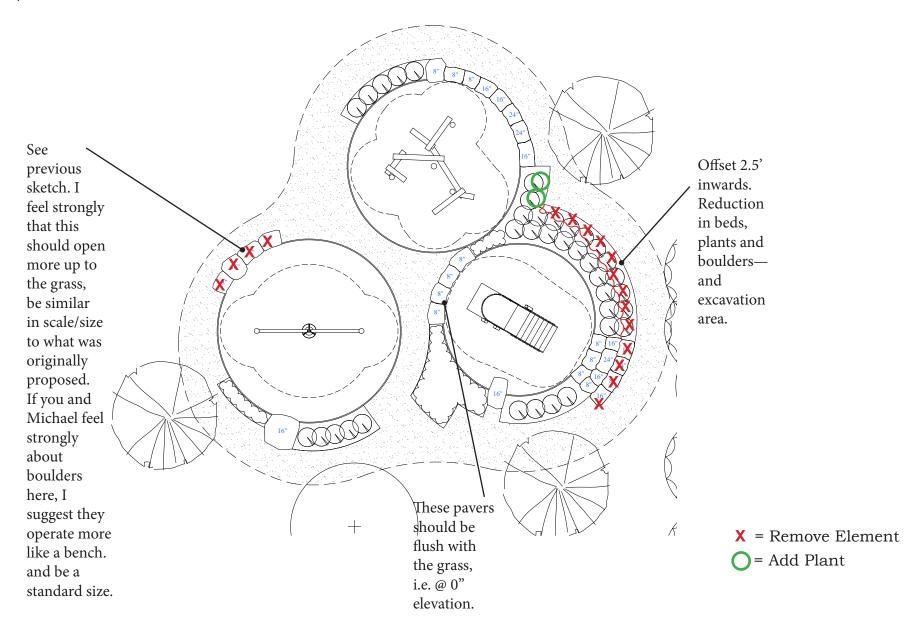


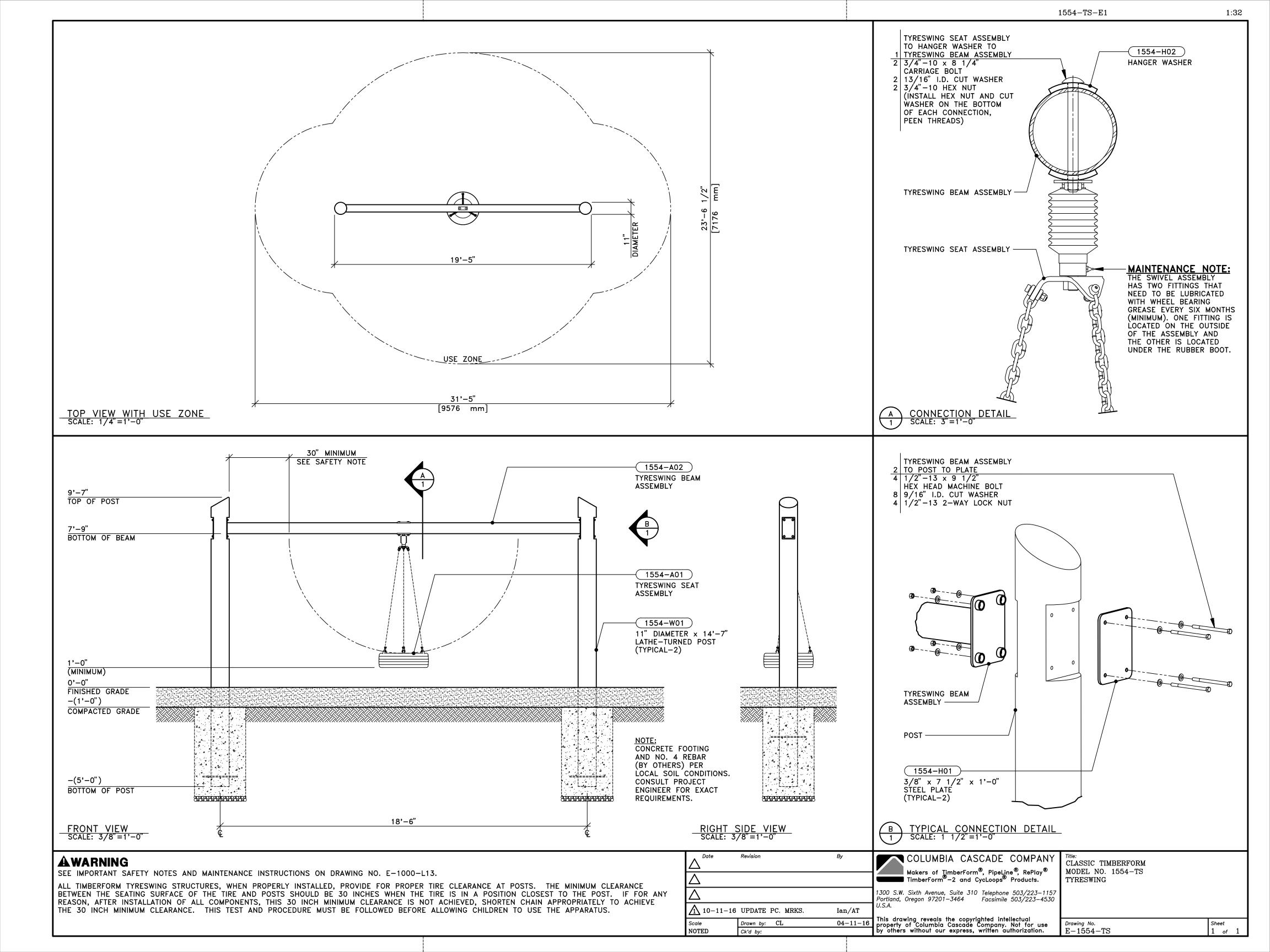




Suggested Reductions & Clarifications Overlayed on Tim's Recent Drawing

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IMPORTANT DRAWING NOTES:

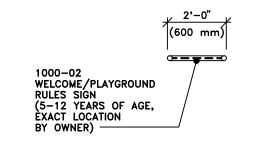
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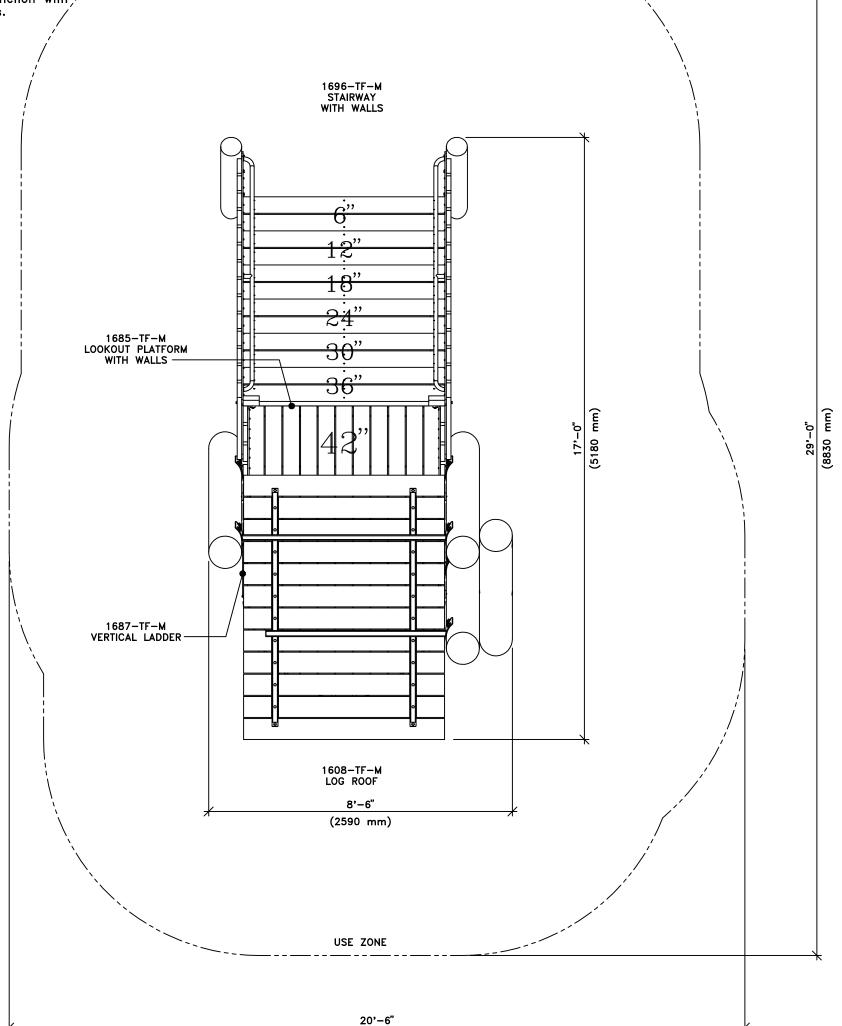
Dimensions on this area drawing take precedence over generic accessory erection drawings, if noted and/or different.

Deck heights are to the top of the deck, while rail heights are to the center of the rail (unless otherwise noted). These connecting patterns have been developed to eliminate entrapment areas and must not be varied.

Overall dimensions of equipment are outside to outside measurements and do not include the necessary additional safe play use zone.

Use this Area Drawing in conjunction with the Accessory Erection Drawings.





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FOOTING NOTES:

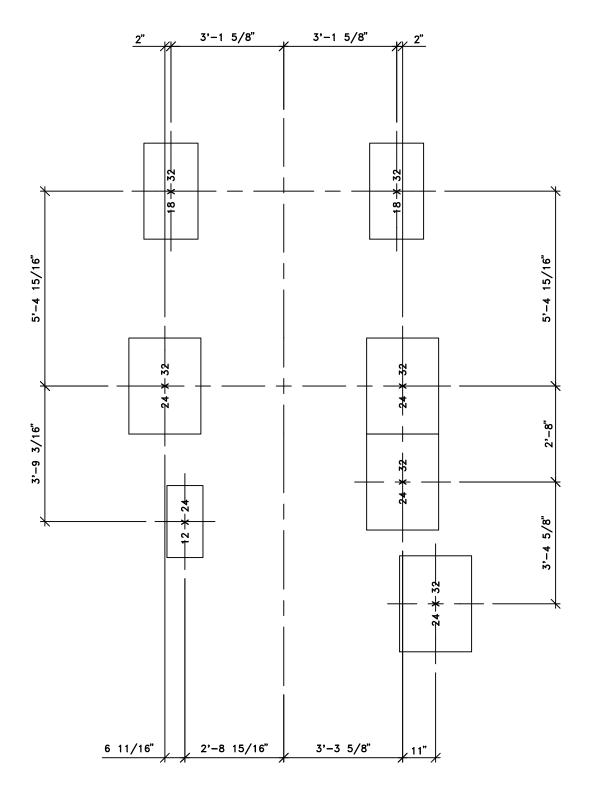
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- 2. ORIENTATION IS PER AREA DRAWING. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE TO CENTERLINE OF FOOTING LOCATIONS.
- 3. MINIMUM FOOTING SIZE CODE:

AS NOTED (WIDTH X LENGTH)

DUE TO LOCAL CONDITIONS, CONSULT PROJECT ENGINEER FOR **EXACT REQUIREMENTS.**

SEE APPROPRIATE E-DRAWINGS TO DETERMINE MINIMUM DEPTH OF FOOTINGS.

4. CONCRETE AND NO. 4 REBAR BY OTHERS.



A PLAN VIEW — AREA DRAWING
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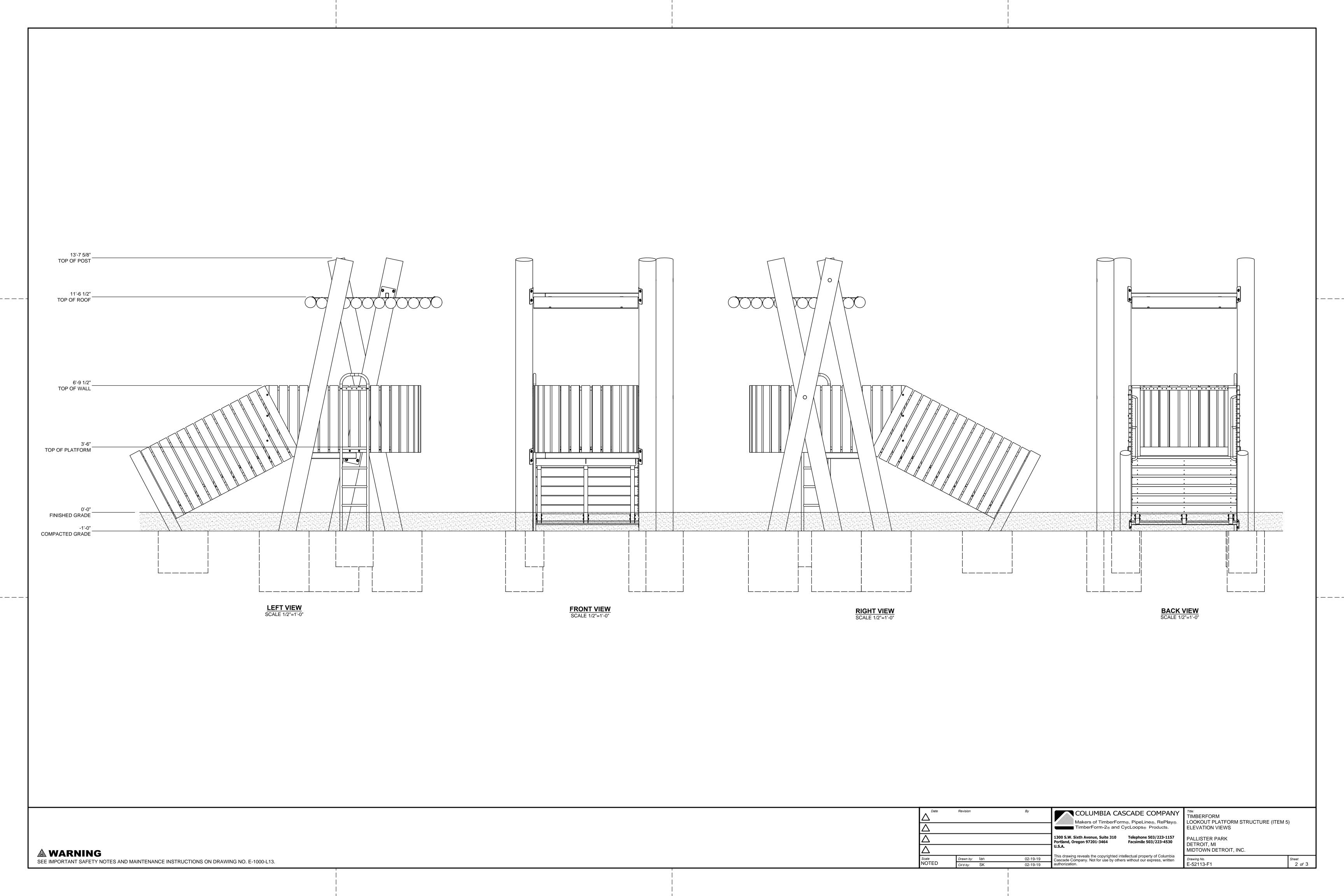
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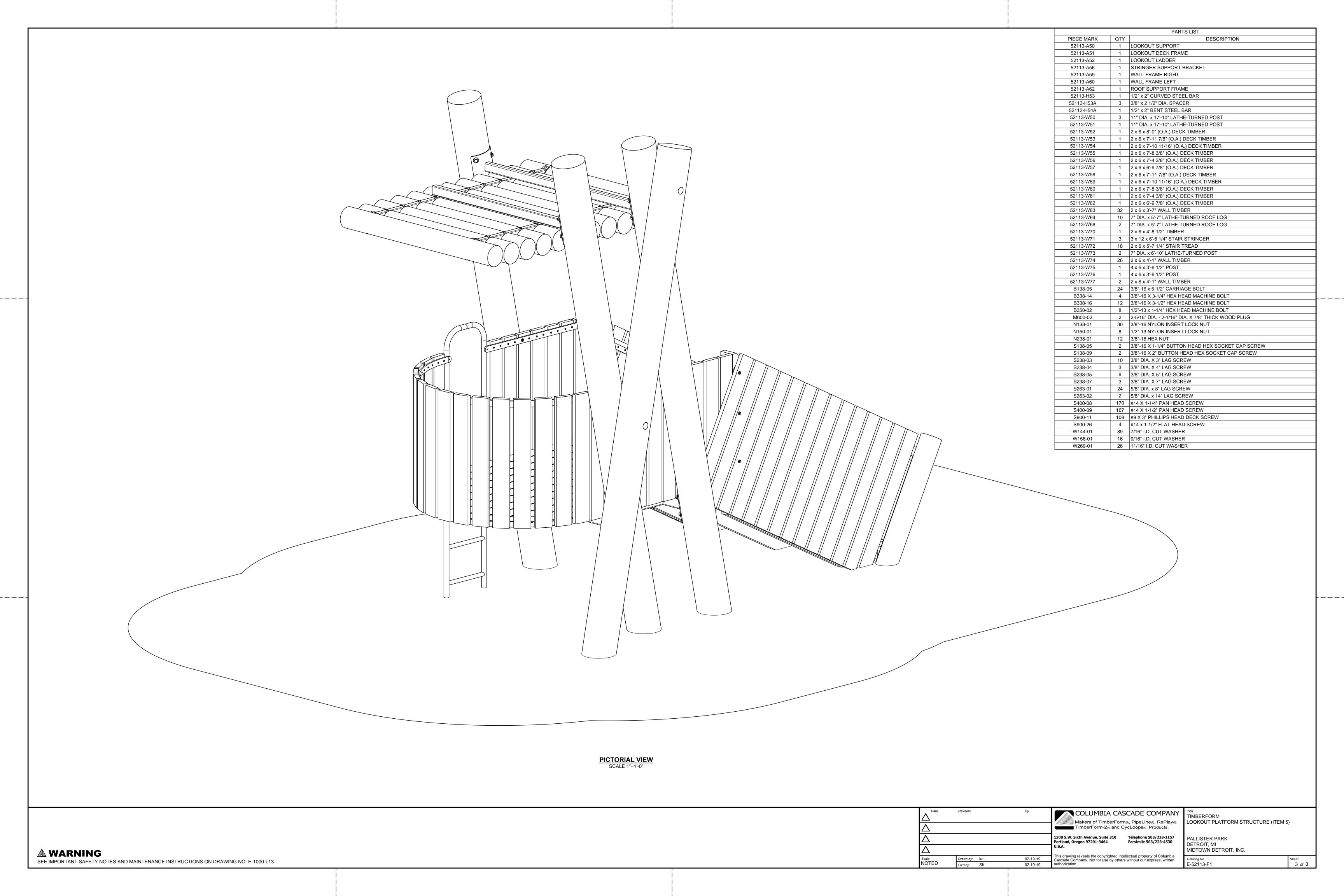
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PALLISTER PARK DETROIT, MI MIDTOWN DETROIT, INC.





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PARTS LIST					
PIECE MARK	QTY.	DESCRIPTION			
2084-W01	22	3 x 4 x 2'-5" SLAT			
52113-A01	1	LITTER RECEPTACLE FRAME WELDMENT			
2000-A06	1	FLAT TOP WITH KEYED LOCK ASSEMBLY			
S400-10	44	#14 X 2" PAN HEAD SCREW			

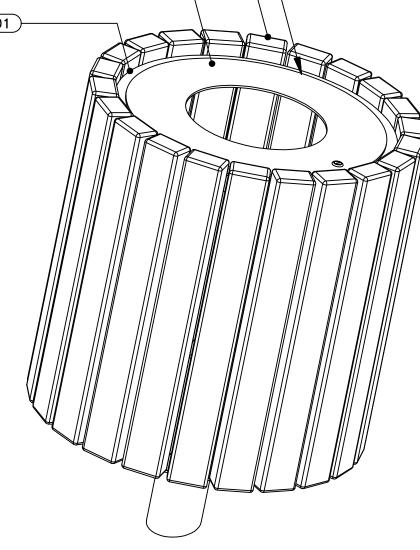
22 SLAT TO FRAME

2 #14 x 2"
PAN HEAD SCREW
(FIELD DRILL PILOT
HOLES IN SLATS
13/64" DIAMETER
x 1 3/4" DEEP)

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PICTORIAL VIEW SCALE: NONE

1'-11 1/2" INSIDE DIAMETER 3'-5 1/8" 0'-5 3/4" 0'-0" FINISHED GRADE

> -(2'-3 1/8") BOTTOM OF PIPE

INSTALLATION NOTES:

FRONT VIEW
SCALE: 1"=1'-0"

TOP VIEW
SCALE: 1"=1'-0"

1. EACH SLAT MUST BE POSITIONED SO THAT THE BEST FACE IS EXPOSED WHEN ASSEMBLED. 2. SEE IMPORTANT MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS ON DRAWING NO. E-2000-L03.

1'-11 3/4"

2'-11" [890 mm]

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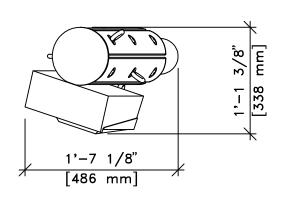
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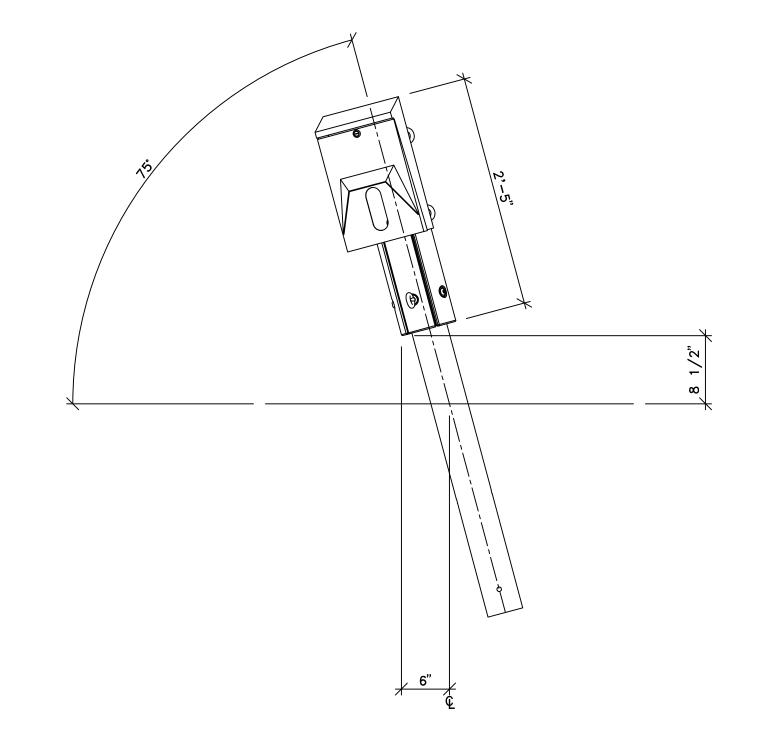
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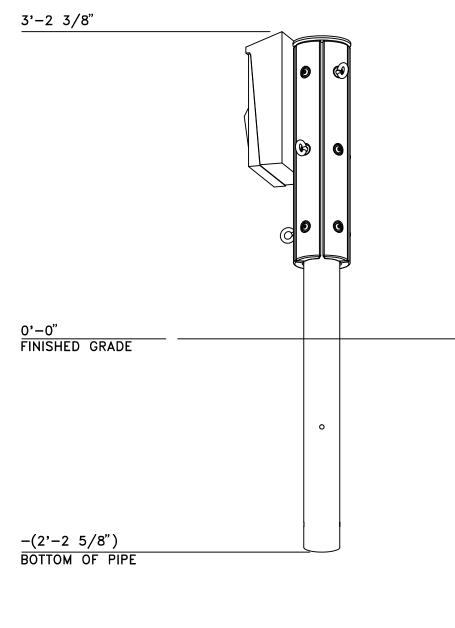
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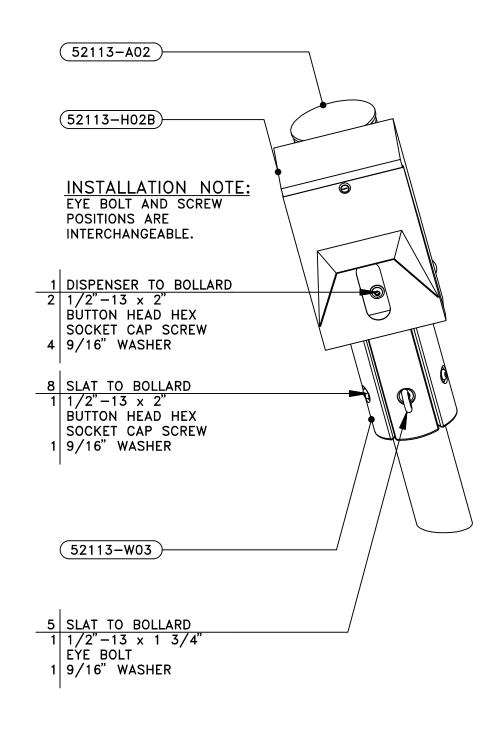
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52113-A02	1	BOLLARD WELDMENT	
52113-H02B	1	DOG BAG DISPENSER	
B950-01	5	1/2"-13 X 1-3/4" SHOULDER EYE BOLT	
S150-05	10	1/2"-13 X 2" BUTTON HEAD HEX SOCKET CAP SCREW	
W156-01	17	9/16" I.D. CUT WASHER	





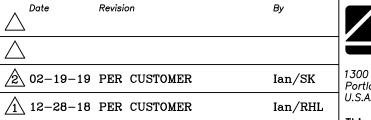






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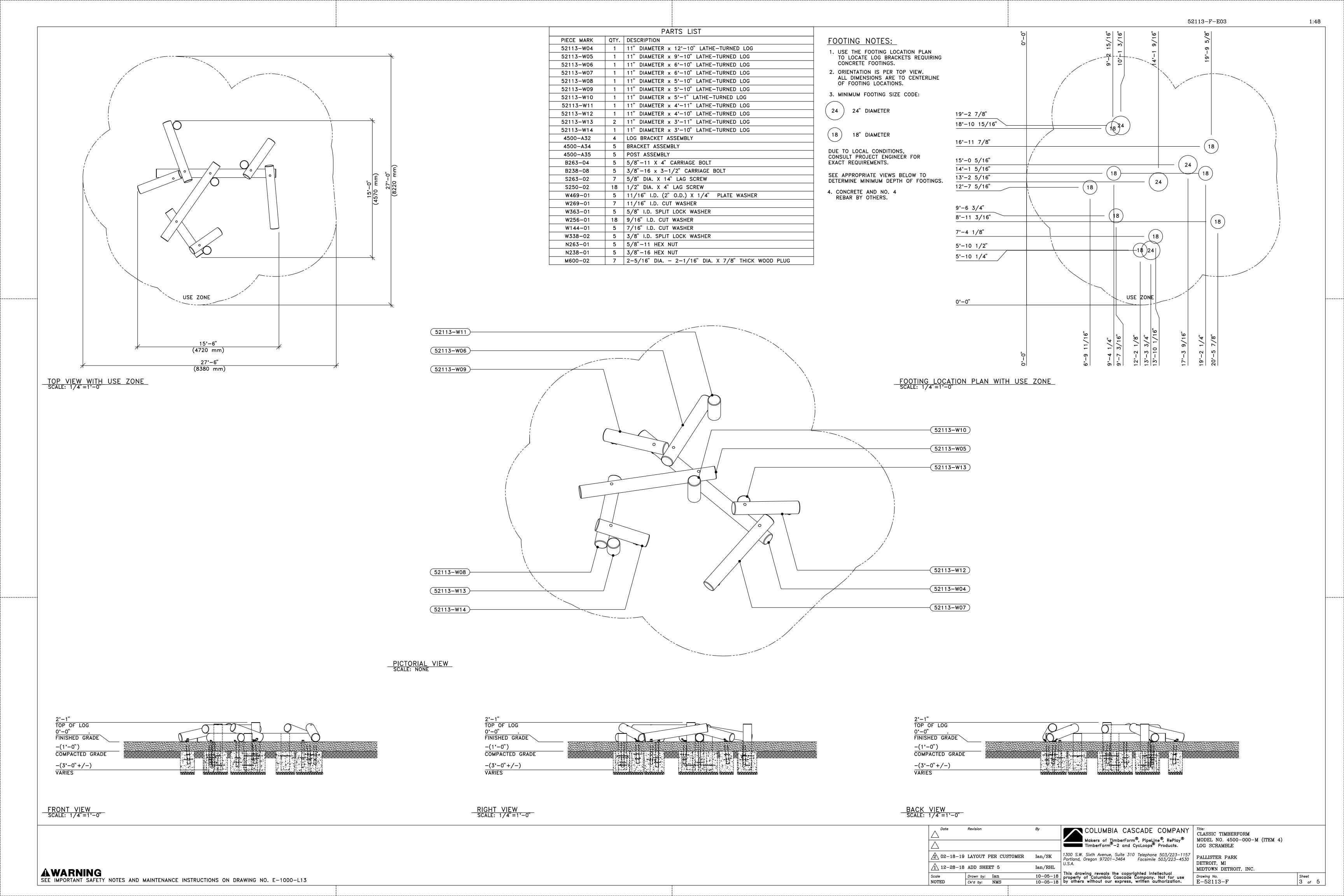
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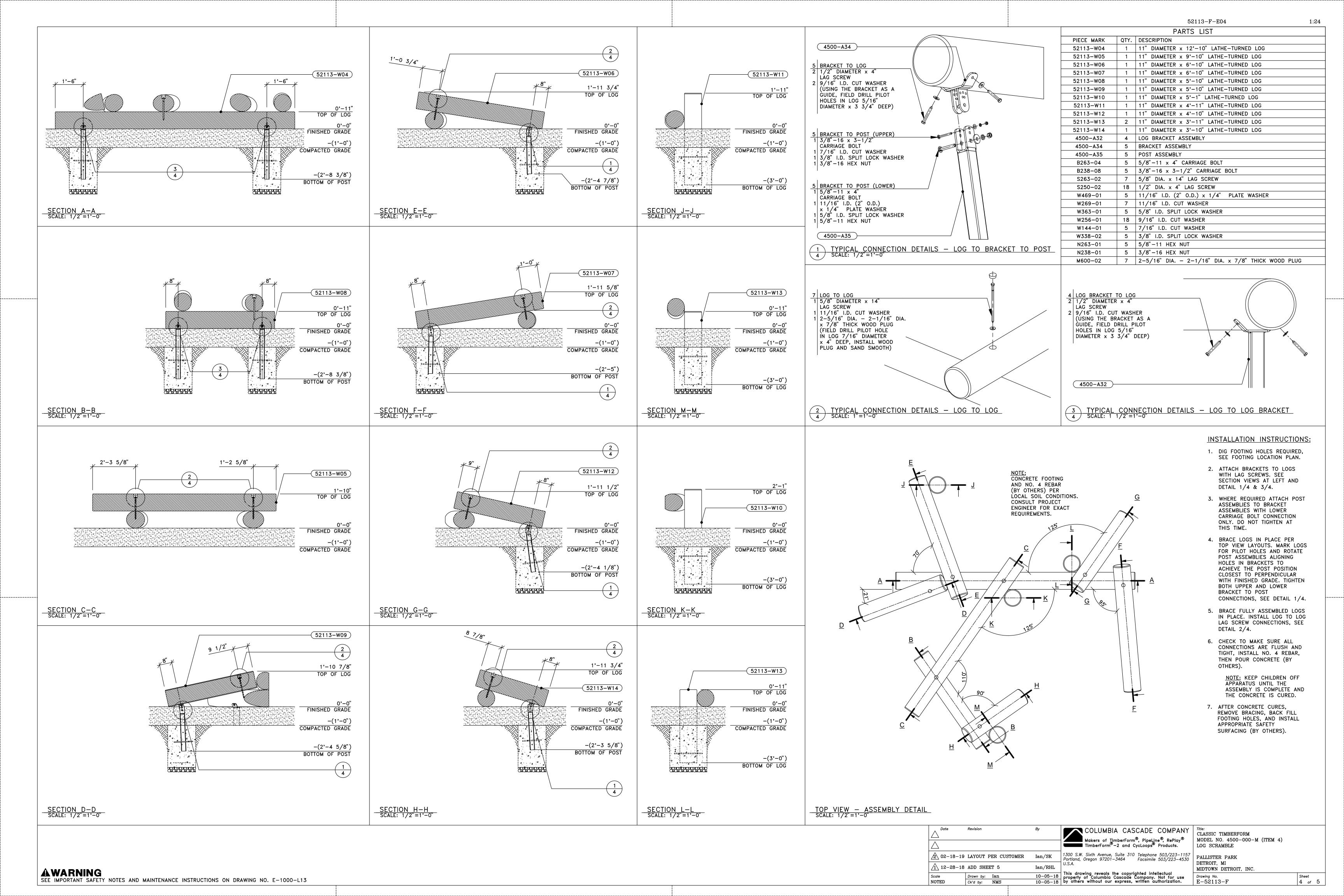
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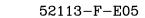
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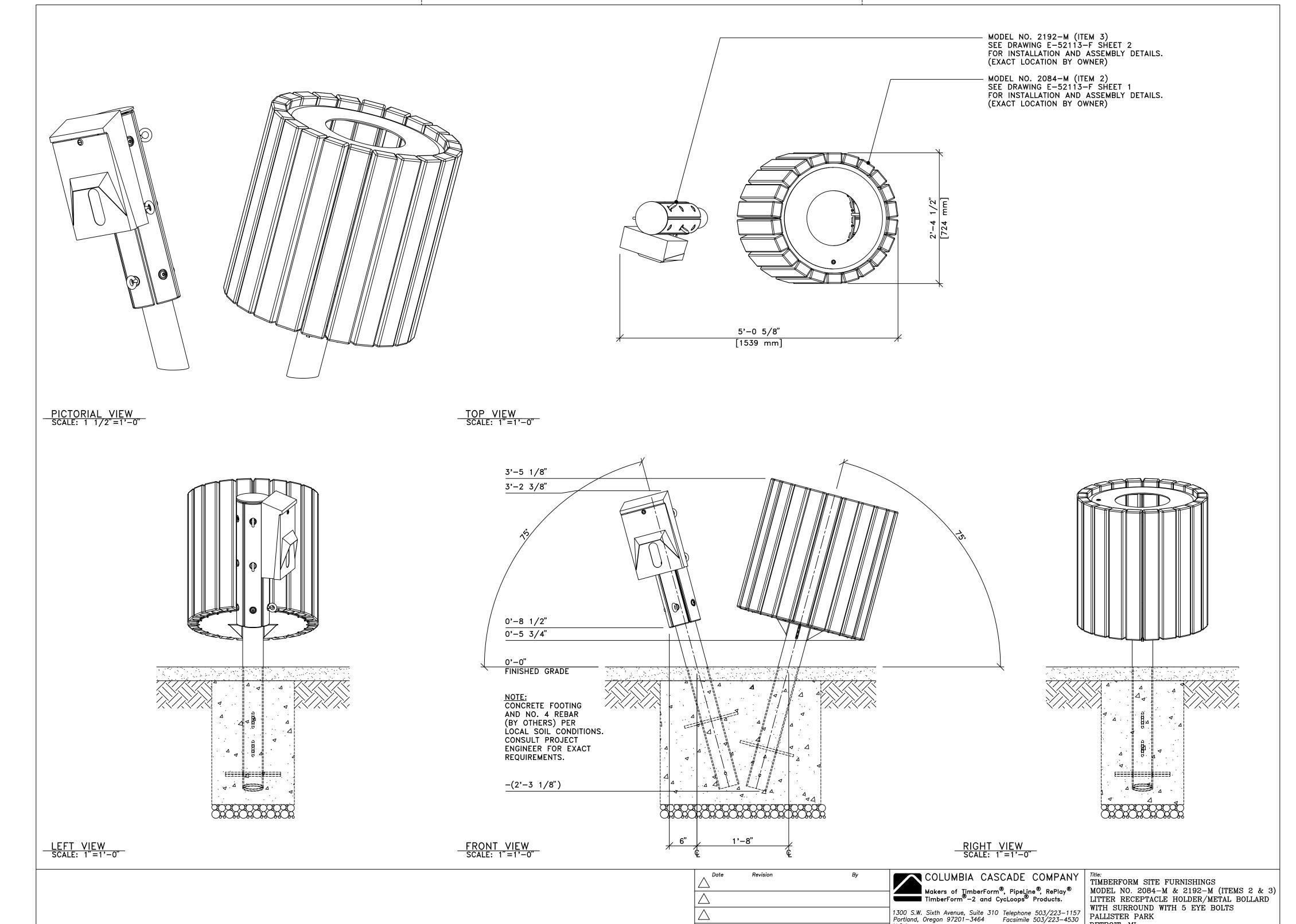
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